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ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, }  
Richmond, March 27th, 1865. }

SPECIAL ORDERS, }  
No. 72. }

[EXTRACT.]

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I. The following schedules of prices for articles named therein, adopted by commissioners appointed pursuant to law, for the State of Virginia, are published for the information of all concerned: and the special attention of officers and agents of the government is directed thereto.

RICHMOND, VA., March 22, 1865.

*Hon. John C. Brckienridge :*

SIR :—As Congress has repealed portions of former impressment laws relating to Schedules of Prices, and confined their operation to the productions of those “detailed or exempted” by the government, we have thought it advisable to cite the late acts of Congress on the subject, for the information of the public and as a guide to all impressment officers. Therefore, we invite particular attention to the annexed extracts from recent acts of Congress.

As our schedules were designed for the State, the Commissioners endeavored, in arranging prices, to base them upon what appeared to be a fair AVERAGE, taking ALL the markets of Virginia into consideration. The varied and conflicting interests involved rendered the task imposed upon the Commissioners not only difficult to accomplish, but made it impossible for them to please all parties. Acting under laws of Congress, whatever may be our opinions as to their policy, we have and will endeavor fairly to observe them.

*An Act to amend the Law in relation to Impressments.*

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That it shall not be lawful to impress any sheep, milch cows, brood mares, stallions, jacks, bulls, breeding hogs, or other stock kept or necessary for raising sheep, hogs, horses, mules, or cattle.

SEC. 2. That the term "just compensation" for property impressed or taken for public use, whenever the same occurs in any of the acts relating to impressments, is hereby declared to mean the usual market price of such property at the time and place of impressment.

SEC. 3. That so much of the fifth section of the act to regulate impressments, approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, as authorizes the Boards of Commissioners appointed by the President and governors of the respective States, to fix in advance upon the prices to be paid for property impressed or taken for public use, and to agree upon and publish schedules of prices for property so impressed, is hereby repealed; *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed as prohibiting said Commissioners from fixing upon and publishing schedules of prices to be paid by the government or by the families of soldiers, to persons holding exemptions or details upon conditions which bind such persons to sell to the government or to the families of soldiers at prices fixed by said Commissioners.

SEC. 4. That in all cases of appeals to the Boards of Commissioners, appointed by the President and the governors of the respective States, from the appraisments of impressed property made by local appraisers, it shall be the duty of said Commissioners to hear the proofs adduced by the parties as to the usual market price of the property at the time and place of impressment, and to assess the same according to the testimony submitted in the particular case. On such appeals the Commissioners shall receive and consider such legal oral testimony as may be offered, and also affidavits or depositions of competent witnesses, taken before and certified by any Justice of the Peace or Judge or Clerk of any Court of Record. Witnesses examined before such Board may be sworn by either of the Commissioners. Where the appeal is taken by the impressing officer, and the same is not brought to a hearing, and a final award in the case made by the Commissioners within ninety days after the date of the original appraisment, such appeal shall be considered as abandoned, and shall not be afterwards heard; and the original appraisment shall be treated as final and conclusive.

Approved March 18, 1865.

A true copy :

JAMES M. MATTHEWS,  
Law Clerk.

*An Act to amend An act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, as amended by the act approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.*

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, as amended by the act approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be so amended that in all cases where property shall be impressed for the use of the army, it shall not be necessary to pay the price at the time of impressment, when the parties from whom such property is impressed shall refuse to receive therefor certificates of indebtedness, issued under authority of the act entitled "An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds," approved February 17th, 1864, but the same shall be paid as soon as practicable thereafter.

Approved March 18, 1865.

A true copy :

JAMES M. MATTHEWS,  
Law Clerk.

## SCHEDULE A.

ARTICLES.	QUALITY.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	PRICE.
1 Wheat.	Prime.	White or red.	Per bus. of 60 lbs.,	\$ 25 00
2 Flour,	Good Fine,	—	Per bbl. of 196 "	123 00
"	" Superfine,	—	" " " "	125 00
"	" Ext. S'prime,	—	" " " "	126 00
"	" Family,	—	" " " "	128 00
3 Corn,	Prime,	White or yellow,	Per bus. of 56 "	20 00
4 Corn meal,	Good,	—	" " 50 "	21 00
5 Rye,	Prime,	—	" " 56 "	20 00
6 Cleaned oats,	—	—	" " 32 "	15 00
7 Wheat bran,	Good,	—	" " 17 "	3 00
8 Shorts,	"	—	" " 22 "	4 00
9 Brown stuff,	"	—	" " 28 "	5 00
10 Ship stuff,	"	—	" " 37 "	8 00
11 Bacon,	"	Hog round,	" pound,	4 00
12 Pork—salt.	"	—	" " "	3 25
13 " fresh,	Fat and good,	"	Per lb. net weight,	2 75
14 Lard,	Good,	—	" " "	4 00
15 Horses and mules,	First class,	Artillery, &c ,	average price pr h'd,	1,200 00
16 Wool,	Fair or Merino,	Washed,	Per pound,	10 00
17 Wool,	Fair or Merino,	Unwashed,	" " "	8 00
18 Peas,	Good,	—	" bus.	30 00
19 Beans,	"	—	" " "	30 00
20 Potatoes,	"	Irish,	" " "	20 00
21 "	"	Sweet,	" " "	20 00
22 Onions,	"	—	" " "	50 00
23 Dried peaches,	"	Pealed,	" " "	20 00
24 Dried peaches,	"	Unpealed,	" " "	15 00
25 Dried apples,	"	Pealed,	" " "	15 00
26 Hay, baled,	"	Timothy or clover	" 100 lbs' ,	7 00
27 Hay, baled,	"	Orchard or herd,	" " "	7 00
28 Hay, unbaled,	"	Orchard or herd,	" " "	6 00
29 Sheaf oats baled,	"	—	" " "	11 00
30 Sheaf oats, unbaled,	"	—	" " "	10 00
31 Blade fodder,ba'ed,	"	—	" " "	7 00
32 Blade fodder,unb'd,	"	—	" " "	6 00
33 Shucks, baled,	"	—	" " "	5 00
34 Shucks, unbaled,	"	—	" " "	4 00
35 Wheat straw,baled,	"	—	" " "	3 00
36 Wheat straw,unb'd	"	—	" " "	2 00
37 Pasturage,	"	Interior,	" Head per month	5 00
38 "	Superior,	"	" " " "	6 00
39 "	First rate,	"	" " " "	7 00
40 "	Good,	Near cities,	" " " "	8 00
41 "	Superior,	"	" " " "	9 00
42 "	First rate,	"	" " " "	10 00
43 Salt,	Good,	—	" Bushel of 50 lbs.	10 00
44 Soap,	"	—	" Pound,	3 00
45 Candles,	"	Tallow,	" " "	7 00
46 Vinegar,	"	Cider,	" Gallon.	5 00
47 Whiskey,	"	Trade,	" " "	25 00
48 Sugar,	"	Brown,	" Pound,	5 00
49 Molasses,	"	New Orleans,	" Gallon,	15 00
50 Rice,	"	—	" Pound,	1 00
51 Coffee,	"	Rio,	" " "	10 00
52 Tea,	"	Trade,	" " "	15 00
53 Vinegar,	"	Manufactured,	" Gallon,	2 00
54 Pig Iron,	"	No. 1 quality,	" Ton,	400 00
55 " "	"	No. 2 "	" " "	364 00
56 " "	"	No. 3 "	" " "	328 00
57 Bloom Iron,	"	—	" " "	760 00
58 Smith's Iron,	Good,	Round plate & bar	" Per ton,	1,100 00
59 Railroad Iron,	Serviceable,	—	" " "	450 00
60 Leather,	Good,	Harness,	" Pound,	8 00
61 "	"	Sole,	" " "	7 00
62 "	"	Upper,	" " "	9 00



## SCHEDULE A.—(Continued.)

ARTICLES.	QUALITY.	DESCRIPTION.	QUANTITY.	PRICE.
63 Beef cattle,	Good,	Gross weight,	" 100 lbs.	\$ 50 00
64 " "	Superior,	" "	" "	60 00
65 " "	First rate,	" "	" "	70 00
66 Salt beef,	Good,	—	" Nett per lb.	2 00
67 Sheep,	Fair,	—	Per 100 lbs.,	70 00
68 Army woolen cloth,	Good,	—	—	—
69 " $\frac{3}{4}$ yard,	"	10 oz per yard,	" yard,	15 00
69 Army woolen cloth,	"	Pro rata as to	—	—
70 Army woolen cloth,	"	greater or less,	Width or weight,	—
6-4 yard,	"	20 oz per yard,	Per yard,	30 00
71 Army woolen cloth,	"	Pro rata as to	—	—
72 Flannels, $\frac{3}{4}$ yd,	"	greater or less,	Width or weight,	—
73 Cotton shirting $\frac{3}{4}$ yd,	"	6 oz per yard,	Per yard,	14 00
74 " " $\frac{7}{8}$ yd,	"	$4\frac{1}{2}$ yds to the lb	" "	2 50
75 " sheetings, 4-4,	"	$3\frac{1}{4}$ " "	" "	3 00
76 " osnaburgs, $\frac{3}{4}$ yd,	"	3 " "	" "	3 50
77 " " $\frac{3}{8}$ yd,	"	6 oz per yard,	" "	3 50
78 " tent cloths,	"	8 oz per yard,	" "	3 80
79 On the above enumerated cotton cloths,	Good,	10 oz to the yard,	" "	4 00
80 Army shoes,	Good,	Pro rata as to	greater or less width or weight	—
81 Shoe thread,	"	—	Per pair,	25 00
82 Wool socks, men's,	"	—	" pound,	6 00
83 Corntop fodder,	"	—	" pair,	5 00
baled,	"	—	—	—
84 Corntop fodder,	"	—	" 100 lbs.,	2 00
unbaled,	"	—	" "	—
85 Wheat chaff, baled,	"	—	" "	1 00
86 " " unbl'd,	"	—	" "	7 00
87 Sorghum molasses,	First quality,	—	" "	6 00
88 Pasturage for sheep,	Good,	Interior,	Per gallon,	15 00
do do	Superior,	do	Per head,	1 00
do do	First rate,	do	" "	1 25
91 Apple Brandy,	Good,	—	Per gallon,	1 50
92 Peach Brandy,	"	—	" "	15 00

# SCHEDULE B.—*Hire of Labor, Teams, Wagons and Drivers.*

LABOR.	QUANTITY AND TIME.	PRICE.
1. Baling long forage.....	Per 100 pounds,	\$ 1 00
2. Shelling and bagging corn, sacks furnished by Government.....	" 56 "	20
3. Hauling.....	" cwt. per mile,	20
4. Hauling grain.....	" bush. " "	15
5. Hire of two-horse team, wagon and driver, rations furnished by owner.....	" day,	30 00
6. Hire of same, rations furnished by the Government.....	" "	15 00
7. Hire of four-horse team, wagon and driver, rations furnished by owner.....	" "	50 00
8. Hire of same, rations furnished by the Government.....	" "	25 00
9. Hire of six-horse team, wagon and driver, rations furnished by owner.....	" "	70 00
10. Hire of same, rations furnished by the Government.....	" "	35 00
11. Hire of laborer, rations furnished by the owner.....	" "	8 00
12. Hire of same, rations furnished by the Government.....	" "	4 00
13. Hire of same, rations and clothing furnished by owner.....	" month,	185 00
14. Hire of same, rations furnished by the Government.....	" "	100 00
15. Hire of teamsters, rations furnished by Government.....	" "	100 00
16. Hire of laborer, clothing and rations furnished and taxes paid by Government.....	" year,	500 00
17. Hire of ox carts, team and driver, rations furnished by owner.....	" day,	20 00
18. Hire of same, rations furnished by Government.....	" "	15 00

## REVISION OF THE SCHEDULES FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH LAST.

Since the adoption of our schedules for the months of February and March last, the financial bills passed by Congress, taxing the currency, had seriously impaired the value of the old issues of Confederate Treasury notes. At this juncture large numbers of horses and mules were impressed and paid for in a currency which was in a few days thereafter to be taxed thirty-three and one-third per cent.

The Board of State Commissioners having adjourned, and one of its members being out of the State, it could not be convened in time to review our schedule of prices. Under this state of facts, we have re-examined and re-arranged our tariff of prices, so far as we have been advised of recent impressions, proposing in this mode to remedy any diminution of valuation which may have occurred from the action of Congress, upon the currency. Therefore we assess the *average* value of artillery or wagon horses or mules, impressed since the passage of the currency bill of 17th February last, at \$600. This award will entitle each person to receive a higher compensation accordingly as each horse or mule recently impressed may be considered as being a first, second or third class artillery or wagon horse or mule, whether the parties appeal to our Board or not; and the impressing agents and officers

should forthwith call on all those persons of whom they have impressed horses or mules, and propose a settlement upon the foregoing basis. But, allowing to each person only such prices as first, second or third class artillery or wagon horses or mules may have been estimated at, by the local or county appraisers, assuming our *average* appraisement of \$600 as a fair medium valuation. This, then, would allow a maximum price of \$800 and a minimum price of \$400, making \$600 the average price—thus allowing more for first class horses or mules and proportionately less for the inferior, as they may fall below the grade of first class. The county appraisements will be the guide in making these settlements, but within the limits of our maximum price of \$800 and our minimum price of \$400. This plan would perhaps be more satisfactory to the people. For whatever price the county appraisers agreed upon should be deemed fair, within the range of our minimum price of \$400 and our maximum price of \$800. Payment of whatever amount awarded to be made in new issue of Treasury notes.

The impressing officers, in those instances where there are no arbitrators or local appraisements for horses or mules impressed, should, in *all* such cases, themselves re-estimate the value of horses or mules thus impressed, and allow in each case such additional compensation as would, within the limits of our schedule rates, appear just and proper. But if, after this re-valuation and settlement, any person should not be satisfied, the party could then appeal to our Board and have the case re-considered.

All appeals and communications for the Board of Commissioners should be addressed, postpaid, to W. D. K. WHITAKER, Secretary of the Board, Box 995, Richmond P. O., Va.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on the 2d day of May next, in the city of Richmond.

(Signed)

E. W. HUBARD,  
ROBT. GIBBONEY,  
Com'rs for Virginia:

By command of the Secretary of War.

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